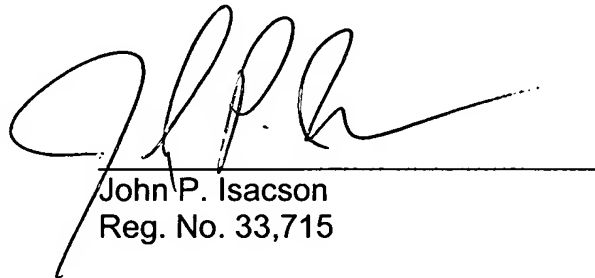


REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11-13, and 16-20 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. The abstract is fully supported by the original specification and the international publication no. WO04/022101. No new matter has been added. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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